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1. Members of the Rumanian Iron Guard residing in Argentina who support Horia Sima have been instructed to apply for Argentine citizenship if eligible. This instruction proceeds from the fear that all former citizens of Soviet satellites, living in Argentina will be interned in the event of war. Some members of the Rumanian colony in Argentina believe that, armed with Argentine citizenship, the Iron Guardists may exert even more influence locally.
2. Rumanian refugees who are not Iron Guardists are hopeful that the Rumanian National Committee will appoint a representative in Argentina and obtain his recognition by the Argentine Government, in order to counter-balance Iron Guard influence. Iron Guardists are spreading the rumor that the National Committee will not appoint a representative in Argentina since it cannot agree on the person to be appointed. The Guard contends that Constantin Vallimarescu, former Rumanian diplomat, whom they acknowledge to be the logical person for the post, is "compromised" and there is no other person of sufficient prominence available for the post. Members of the Iron Guard may propose that a "free and democratic" election of a representative of the National Committee be held.

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